

A FATAL EXPLOSION

In the Main Building of the Chicago National Fireworks Co., Three Persons Instantly Killed, and Six Others Seriously Injured—The Wrecked Building Entirely Consumed by Fire Resulting from the Explosion—The Killed.

CHICAGO, April 16.—An explosion in the main building of the Chicago National Fireworks Co., near Gross Point, a small village, situated 14 miles from Chicago at 8:10 yesterday morning, resulted in the death of three persons and the serious injury of six others.

The explosion was caused by a spark from a hammer with which Nicolaus Barre was packing the end of a firecracker. There were several hundred pounds of gun powder in the room, and this was ignited by the sparks from the exploded cracker.

The Barre boy was blown through the roof of the building, and his body was seen to lodge on a corner of that portion of the roof which remained intact.

His sister Annie was in an adjoining room, separated only by a thin partition. The wall was blown in and a sheet of flame overcame her. Before help could arrive her clothing had burned entirely off, and her body was charred and blackened.

Emma Simpson was in the same room and was thrown against the wall. She died at 10:30, shortly after being taken home.

Lizzie Schaskin, Charles Congdon, Annie Cresson, Kate Tahlman and J. Leavy, the foreman, were all burned about the face and hands.

There are 11 buildings connected with the main factory and the other 18 employees were working in different parts of these. It is on this account that a more appalling loss of life did not ensue.

Fire broke out in the large frame building, which was entirely consumed in an incredibly short time, those coming to the rescue of the injured having a hard time getting them out.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

Several Small Engagements Without Definite Results.

HAVANA, April 16.—Col. Pintos reports that his command had a fight with a party of insurgents under Hasso near Pozo Redondo, in the Havana province. The engagement terminated in a hand-to-hand encounter, in which the rebels fought desperately with machetes. The result, according to Col. Pintos' report, was that the rebels lost ten killed, while the government force had only one man wounded.

A party of guerrillas while foraging near Matanzas encountered a superior force of the army and a battle followed, in which six of the guerrillas were killed and one was wounded. The column commanded by Lieut. Col. Navarro came to the assistance of the guerrillas, and the combined government forces defeated the rebels.

A band of 14 guerrillas while on a foraging expedition in the vicinity of San Antonio de Las Vegas, in the province of Havana, was surprised by a party of rebels, 1,000 strong, under the leader Castillo. They made a brave defense, but only two of their number escaped, ten being killed and one wounded. It is said that Lieut. Col. Debes and Capt. Fave have been promoted for their valor in the recent battle near Lecua.

It is reported that some of Maceo's forces made an attack upon Trochada, near the south of the line, Tuesday, but were compelled to retire by the gunboat Alamedares and the launch Dardo, aided by a local force.

ALLEGED FILIBUSTERS

Held to Bail for Their Appearance Sunday—The Witnesses Locked Up.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—John D. Hart, of the Hart line, the charterer of the steamer Bermuda; Capt. John O'Brien, of Newark, N. J., who commanded the vessel on her recent filibustering trip from New York to Cuba, and Mates Edward Murphy and Albert Simonson, of New York, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Bell yesterday afternoon on the charge of engaging in the late expedition.

The commissioner refused to quash the warrants and continued the hearing until Saturday. The accused were held in \$500 bail each and 13 members of the Bermuda were held in \$100 each for their appearance as witnesses. The sailors were committed in default of bail.

THE OLYMPIAN GAMES

Closed, to the Victors With the Distribution of the Prizes.

ATHENS, April 16.—The Olympian games closed yesterday with the distribution of prizes to the victors in the various contests. The weather was perfect and the stadium was crowded with people. When the king and the royal party arrived a Pandaric ode on the game was delivered by Mr. Robertson, an American, after which, according to the ancient custom, the king personally handed to each winner of a first prize a wreath fashioned of wild olive plucked from the trees at Olympia, and laurel wreaths were given to the winners of second prizes.

All the prize winners then received diplomas and medals. The stadium band then played the national air of each country represented in the games, to which music all of the prize winners paraded. After the parade the games were declared by the king to be ended. Among the athletes who received crowns were 11 Americans.

TO ASSESS DAMAGES

Growing Out of the Seizure of Vessels Engaged in Sealing in Behring Sea.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Practically without opposition and without taking a ye-a and nay vote, the senate yesterday afternoon, in executive session, ratified the treaty with Great Britain providing for the appointment of a commission for the assessment of the damages growing out of the seizure of vessels engaged in sealing in the Behring sea. There were one or two verbal but practically unimportant amendments.

THE LIBERAL PARTY,

Should It Succeed in Gaining Power in the Dominion, Would Be in Favor of Reciprocity and More Liberal Trade Relations With the United States, on Account of the Economic Disabilities Existing in Canada.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Hon. Edward Farrar, of Toronto, one of the leaders of the liberal party in Canada, has addressed a long and very carefully-prepared communication to the house committee on ways and means on the subject of reciprocity. Mr. Farrar, after an exhaustive historical review of the past history of the subject, says:

"The conservative party adopted protection, so it said, because it was unable to obtain closer trade relations with the United States, and in order to force the United States to concede them. The protectionist interests are now so strong politically that to-day the party places protection first and reciprocity last. During the last few years Canadian imports from the United States have grown, while those from Britain have fallen off. The imports from the United States for the 15 years, 1881-1895, were \$752,000,000; the imports from Britain during the same period \$638,000,000.

American iron and steel is displacing British in the Canadian market and there is a growing call for American machinery and other manufactures which are in many cases better adapted than British to Canadian conditions and requirements. With a liberal reciprocity treaty favoring American manufactures there can be no doubt that the imports from the United States would rapidly increase, to the benefit alike of the Canadian farmer and the American artisan. The protective tariff in Canada has not fulfilled expectations. The home market is small, numerically, and scattered over a vast area. Hence the cost of selling and shipping goods is exorbitant, and the cost of manufacturing them high, because manufacturers are unable to specialize their labor and machinery for the production of special lines. It happens also that coal is found only at the extremities of the Dominion, in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, 4,000 miles apart.

The percentage of increase in the population of the Dominion between 1881 and 1891, with protection in force, was only 11.76, or less than the percentage in an old and overcrowded community like England and Wales, and not half as great as the percentage in the United States. It can not be doubted that the slow progress of Canada is due, in great part, to her economic disabilities. The liberal party think that these and other questions affecting the welfare of two countries might be placed upon a satisfactory basis by means of a general scheme for closer commercial intercourse. They do not discuss the question of political union in their platforms or in their speeches before the public, and have nothing to say on that subject. But they do think that both the United States and Canada would be benefited by the adoption of more intimate trade relations, and should they obtain power a few weeks hence, will, no doubt, take an early opportunity of placing the case before the government at Washington.

It is also agreed that debate on the measure shall be practically unlimited in order that all the members who desire to be heard upon the subject shall be afforded an opportunity.

A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Alleged Suicide of the Defendant in a Gigantic Forgery Case.

NEW YORK, April 16.—When the clerk in Part I. general sessions, today called the name of Joseph Lewis to answer to four indictments for forgery there was a startling announcement that the defendant was dead, having committed suicide this morning. The announcement was made by the firm representing the defense, but the recorder and assistant district attorney were incredulous, and the recorder ordered that the bail for \$20,000 be forfeited.

The story of the charges against Lewis was a big one when it first came out. He was the manager of the firm of N. A. Schloss & Co., of 553 and 555 Broadway. The firm manufactured boys' clothing. Lewis' alleged pecuniary losses were said to have aggregated several hundred thousand dollars. The amount which was taken was never accurately ascertained, but was so large as to cause the failure of the firm in December, 1893, for more than a million dollars. The story that developed at that time was the talk of the clothing trade for months afterward.

The dispatch announcing the suicide purported to come from an undertaker of Philadelphia.

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But It Doesn't Do for Foreigners to "Register" Their Contempt for Our Election Laws.

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ED STREETER CAPTURED.

Not But Ineffective Pursuit of Bank Wrecker Davies.

WINTERSET, Ia., April 17.—Ed Streeter, who accompanied C. O. Davies, the East Peru bank wrecker, in his flight from jail Tuesday, was apprehended last evening after a hot chase of six miles through the woods north of here. Davies was seen but eluded his pursuers. A posse of 500 farmers is watching for him and have surrounded a heavy strip of timber where it is believed he is in hiding. There is no doubt he will be lynched if captured.

FITZSIMMONS' LION.

The Pugilist's Unfortunate Pet Accidentally Electrocuted and Fitz Himself Has a Close Call—Leaned for Support On an Electric Light Wire Which Broke, One End Falling Upon the Lion, Causing Its Death.

CLEVELAND, O., April 17.—Bob Fitzsimmons' pet lion, Nero, is dead and Bob himself received a very close call at the time of the animal's demise. Fitzsimmons is filling a week's engagement, at a local theater. He kept the lion chained on the roof of the auditorium.

Last night at 12 o'clock Fitz, accompanied by Roeber, the wrestler, ascended to the lion's quarters to feed it. The pugilist was beautifully tuned up with liquor, and was exhausted when he reached the roof. He leaned for support on the first available thing, which happened to be an electric light wire. It snapped in two under his weight, and one end of the wire fell upon and clung to Nero.

The frightened beast sprang over the edge of the roof, the wire clinging to it and burning its flesh. Fitz grabbed the chain and after a hard struggle pulled his pet back on the roof, but not until it had been strangled to death. Roeber did not notice the danger his companion was in, and it was well for him that he did not.

In taking hold of the chain Fitz made himself a part of the deadly current and was terribly burned about the hands. Had not the wire been loosened from the animal's body when it was hauled back on the roof it is probable that Bob and Nero would have passed in their clutches together.

PENSION MATTERS.

A Bill to Restore the Rating of Pension Under the Law of 1890 and to Restore Pensions Reduced or Discontinued.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—There was a long conference in Speaker Reed's committee room yesterday, at which were also present Messrs. Dingley, of Maine, Dabell, of Pennsylvania, Payne, of New York, and Pickler of South Dakota.

Mr. Pickler's invalid pensions committee has recently completed a general administrative pension bill designed to facilitate the allowance of pensions. Its most important feature is one which restores the ratings on pensions under the law of 1890, which were in vogue under the Harrison administration. It replaces on the rolls the men who have been dropped and re-establishes the pensions of those whose pensions have been reduced by the pension office. It further provides that no pension shall be discontinued or reduced hereafter except for fraud or recovery from disability. The bill will, if enacted into a law, increase the pension budget between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 annually.

The purpose of the conference was to consider this measure, correct its phraseology, where necessary, and so perfect its legal form as not only to secure its passage through congress, but the president's approval as well. It was decided that the section relating to vicious habits should be so changed as to require that proof should be furnished that the disease for which a pension is asked should not be due to vicious habits. Other changes of less importance were agreed upon, and the bill in its amended form will be again submitted by Mr. Pickler to his committee.

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EVERYBODY GO.

One Fare for the Round Trip to the National Conventions.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Western roads have agreed to make a rate of one fare for the round trip for the republican national convention at St. Louis. The same rate has been agreed to for the democratic convention to be held in Chicago. The prohibitionists will be given the same rate for their convention at Pittsburgh. Tickets for St. Louis will be good to return June 21, to Chicago July 12, and to Pittsburgh May 30.

THE BURDEN JEWELS.

They Have All Been Practically Recovered in London Through the Arrest of the Thieves, Dunlop and Turner, by Scotland Yard Inspectors Frost and Hare—The Burdens Will Go to London at Once.

LONDON, April 18.—Two men, giving their names as Dunlop and Turner, and describing themselves as "gentlemen servants," were arraigned in the Marlborough street police court Thursday, charged with having in their possession 28 diamonds, aggregating £3,000 in value, for possessing which they were unable to give any satisfactory account. Dunlop said they had got the diamonds from the old Jew in Hatton Garden. Turner said he was last employed by a gentleman in New York and had left that situation in February last. The two men were remanded for a week without bail.

Police Inspector Frost searched the odgings of the men and found there jewelry worth \$20,000. It is believed that the jewels are the proceeds of the robbery of the residence of I. Towns and Burden in New York some time ago. It is understood that Inspector Frost who arrested the men is entitled to £1,000 reward.

Police Inspector Frost said to a representative of the United Press today that he had often seen Dunlop and Turner within the last few days in the neighborhood of Bond street. From their dress, manner and general appearance, he thought there was something suspicious about them, and yesterday he and Inspector Hare determined to ascertain their character. He had not expected, however, to find the Burden robbers and, as a matter of fact, had no description of them.

The circumstances were that he and Inspector Hare virtually seized them without any particular pretext and searched them in the street. They found the two packages of diamonds in Dunlop's breast pocket, and after locking their prisoners up, went to their lodgings, where they found \$20,000 worth of jewelry and diamonds, many of the latter being loose stones, a quantity of which were contained in rhinoceros leather belts. Inspectors Frost and Hare believe they have secured the entire proceeds of the Burden robbery, and a claim for the reward has been sent to Mr. Burden's solicitors.

The quantity of jewelry received is immense, and is by far the largest haul the police have made in years.

The Burden Family Notified.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Burden family received two cablegrams from the Scotland Yard police which satisfied them that Dunlop and Turner were the thieves, and that the diamonds found in their possession are the Burden jewels. It was reported that the Burdens intend to sail at once for Europe, as a result of the arrest of the two men. Dunlop is said to have been butler in the Burden household, while Turner had charge of the door.

Capt. O'Brien denied positively Thursday that there was any truth in the story that the Burden robbers were to be arrested in London. It is supposed that he made this denial for the purpose of withholding any facts about the matter in his possession until he had received official communication from the Scotland Yard that the men were in custody. If they refuse to come to New York without being extradited, there will be considerable delay in bringing the prisoners back to this country.

Very likely Central office men will be sent across the ocean for them.

The robbery occurred at Mr. I. Townsend Burden's city residence, No. 5 East Twenty-sixth street, on the night of December 27 of last year, while all but one member of the family were at the theater. Nearly all of the jewels were locked up in a small safe in Mr. Burden's bedroom. Apparently they could not have been more secure unless they had been placed in a safe deposit vault.

THE STEAMER BERMUDA

Has Finally Secured British Papers for Release.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—The filibustering steamer Bermuda has finally secured British papers for release. British Consul Clipperton has yielded to the efforts made to induce him to regularly enter the vessel in the consular registry and give the noted craft a clean bill of health. All objections against the vessel had been withdrawn under orders from the British government.

The crew had been paid off and claims against the vessel satisfied without any further delay. On Monday she will sail for Puerto Cortez in command of Capt. Hughes, who has succeeded Capt. O'Brien in command of the vessel.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

Favorable Report Ordered on Senate Hawley's Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The senate committee on military affairs has agreed to report favorably Senator Hawley's bill for the reorganization of the army. The bill increases the force to 30,000 enlisted men, to be composed of ten regiments of cavalry, seven of artillery and 25 of infantry. The bill as it will be reported, will also provide for the continuance of the battalion of engineers, as provided for by the existing laws. This provision was omitted in the original draft of the bill, but was inserted in committee.

Will Make the Illinois Delegation in Congress Solidly Republican.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Downing-Rinkner contested election case was practically decided in the house elections committee yesterday, after a hot debate, in favor of Rinkner (rep.) This will make the Illinois delegation in the house solidly republican.

The report will be made to the house Monday if the signatures of the committee can be obtained by that time. Five republicans will sign it and possibly six. Three democrats will refuse to sign, and they may introduce a minority report.

Homeowner's Excursions to Kansas and Nebraska.

On April 7th, 21st and May 5th, 1896, Homeowner's Excursions will be run from Missouri River points, and territory West of Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, to stations in Kansas and Nebraska, at one fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip. All who can should take advantage of the cheap rates and inspect the most productive corn lands in the United States, which are for sale, by the Union Pacific Railway Company, at from \$2.50 to \$10.00 per acre, on ten years' time, only 1-10 down.

Remember that the Kansas corn crop for 1895, with 8,000,000 acres in cultivation, yielded over 24,000,000 bushels, the estimated value of which is over \$40,000,000, being \$7,000,000 more than annual output of gold in the United States.

Those taking advantage of the excursions, should take receipts for all railroad fare, and the portion paid over Union Pacific lines, will be refunded upon purchase of 320 acres. Information regarding rates can be ascertained from the nearest railroad agent.

Form and pamphlets descriptive of the lands, write to B. A. McALLISTER, Land Commissioner, Omaha, Neb.

"I snort does hope," said Uncle Mose, "that day will dole new pho-turap-trick so fine by summer dat man kin tell wedder melon is ripe."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Spring Trip South.

On April 7 and 21, and May 5, tickets will be sold from principal cities, towns and villages of the north, to all points on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and a portion of Kentucky, at one single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good to return within twenty-one days, on payment of \$2 to agent at destination, and will allow stop-over at any point on the south bound trip. Ask your ticket agent about it, and if he cannot sell you excursion tickets write to C. F. Athorne, General Passenger Agent, Louisville, Ky., or Geo. B. Horner, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

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